

# Summit Lake State Park

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**Naturalist:** Sarah Kistler

**CG – Campground B Playground    BC – Beach    CO – Camp Office    HS - Harvey Shelter**

\*RAIN- If it is raining (or bad weather) at the time of a program, the program will be cancelled.

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## Sunday, October 1

- 9:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at Harvey Shelter and hiking the Self-guided Trail. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please! **HS**
- 1:00 pm **Take a Gander** - Come to the outdoor activities area to learn more about the Canada goose and why we are trying to control its population. **CG**

## Friday, October 6

- 6:30 pm **Camp Fire** - Join Sarah for some good Friday Night Fun! This is a good time to meet new people and have some fun. **CG**
- 7:00 pm **What’s That Smell?** - Come hear about skunks and find out why there’s more to them than just their smell. **CG**

## Saturday, October 7

- 10:00 am **Changing Leaves** – This time of year is a beautiful time at Summit Lake. Learn what makes leaves change color and fall off the trees in the fall. **CG**
- 1:00 pm **Leaf Print Books** – Join Sarah to make your own leaf print book. **CG**

## Sunday, October 8

- 9:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at trail #1. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please! **Trail #1**
- 1:00 pm **Pumpkins & Gourds** – Learn what makes these plants so special this time of year. **CG**

## **Friday October 13 – Sunday October 15 is Summit Lake’s SECOND ANNUAL HARVEST HOMECOMING FESTIVAL!**

### Friday, October 13

- Begin decorating your campsites. Judging will begin at 9:30 pm Friday evening.*
- 6:00 pm **Camp Fire & Ghost Stories** - Let’s begin our Harvest Homecoming weekend around the campfire. Halloween ghost stories, read by our naturalist, Sarah, begins at 6:00 pm, so don’t be late! These stories are kid-friendly. **CG**
- 9:30 pm **Campsite Decoration Judging** – Decorate your campsites and we will judge them to see who has the best decorations! **CG**

### Saturday, October 14

- Begin cooking your chili. Judging will start at 11:15.*
- 9:00 am – 11:00 am **Halloween Crafts** - Join Sarah to make some fun crafts for Halloween. **CG**
- 11:15pm – 12:30 pm **Chili Cookoff** – Bring your best chili to be judged and to share with the rest of us. There will be prizes! **CG**
- 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm **The Wildlife of Halloween** - Join Sarah and learn about the animals we associate with Halloween and hear some myths and legends about them. **CG**

### **Sunday, October 15**

- 9:00 am **Spider Stroll** – Join Sarah at the activities area. We will be walking in the woods near the playground to see what fascinating spiders we can find. **CG**
- 1:00 pm **Catching The Colors** – Summit Lake is a wonderful place to enjoy autumn's kaleidoscope of colors, so it is natural to have this program. Join Sarah at the outdoor activities area where we will explore different ways to preserve the beautiful autumn colors. **CG**

### **Friday, October 20**

- 6:30 pm **Camp Fire** - Join Sarah for some good Friday Night Fun! This is a good time to meet new people and have some fun. **CG**
- 7:00 pm **Going Batty!** - Learn some interesting facts about these creatures of the night. We will also be playing some batty games and making bats of our own. **CG**

### **Saturday, October 21**

- 10:00 am **What's a Daddy Longlegs?** – What IS a daddy longlegs? Join Sarah to dispel the myths about this animal and learn the truth. **CG**
- 1:00 pm **Bingo** - Sarah will have a fun nature bingo game to play. **CG**

### **Sunday, October 22**

- 9:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at trail #2 in the campgrounds. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please! **CG**

### **Friday, October 27**

- 6:30 pm **Camp Fire** - Join Sarah for some good Friday Night Fun! This is a good time to meet new people and have some fun. **CG**
- 7:00 pm **Spooky Stories** - Sarah will read some spooky Halloween stories by campfire. **CG**

### **Saturday, October 28**

- 9:00 am **Haunted Scavenger Hunt** – Come to the Outdoor Activities Area for a spooky game. **CG**
- 1:00 pm **Silly Spiders** – Join Sarah as we make spiders of our own to take home. **CG**

### **Sunday, October 29**

- 9:00 am **InShape Hike** – Watch the schedule all summer long for InShape hikes. There will be at least one a week. For this hike we will meet at the beach trail. We will be moving fast as this hike is for your health, so wear good shoes and bring water. No small children, please! **BC**